

FSTF Meeting Minutes
March 4, 2026
1:30 p.m. – 3:25 p.m.
Hybrid Meeting: Project Open Hand and Zoom

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Task Force Members Present: Jeimil Belamide (HSA/CalFresh); Priti Rane (DPH/Nutrition Services); Marion Sanders (HSH); Mei Ling Hui (SF Park & Rec); Jennifer LeBarre (SFUSD); Cissie Bonini (UCSF/Vouchers 4 Veggies – EatSF); Anne Quaintance (Conard House); Chester Williams (Community Living Campaign); Katie Jackson (Project Open Hand); Jade Quizon (FAACTS); Noriko Lim-Tepper (SFMFB); Raegan Sales (Children’s Council of SF); Hannah Grant (Meals on Wheels SF); Lura Jones (Leah’s Pantry)

Task Force Members Not Present: Tiffany Kearney (DAS); Michelle Kim (DCYF); Guillermo Reece (SFAAFBC); Geoffrey Grier (SF Recovery Theatre)

Also Present: Patty B.; Sierra Barsten; Beth Bodner (SF Environment); Eric Chan (SFDPH – Community Health Equity & Promotion); Tiffany Dang (SFDAS); Linda Huerta (Homeless Prenatal Program); Serena Ngo (Hirsch Philanthropy Partners); Alex Raffanti (SFMFB); Priscilla Rodriguez (SFDPH – Community Health Equity & Promotion); Susie Smith (SFHSA); Lea Treoh (UCSF); Leah Walton (SFDAS)

Agenda Item	Discussion	Next Steps
1. Call order to order 1:30 p.m.	Call to order at 1:30 p.m.	None.
2. Land acknowledgment 1:30 p.m.	Priscilla Rodriguez recited the Land Acknowledgement.	None.
3. Welcome, member roll call, introductions, Cissie Bonini (Chair, Eat SF/Vouchers 4 Veggies) 1:35 p.m.	Cissie Bonini did roll call and introduced the agenda. Public Comment: None.	None.
4. Approval of minutes from February 4, 2026 1:40 p.m.	Please refer to the recording for this presentation, linked here . Katie Jackson makes motion to approve meeting minutes. Chester Williams seconds the motion.	None.

	<p>10 approved. 0 opposed. 0 abstained. Motion is passed.</p> <p>Public Comment: None.</p>	
<p>5. General public comment 1:45 p.m.</p>	<p>None.</p>	<p>None.</p>
<p>6. Review of the 2026 Food Security Task Force Recommendations slides, Cissie Bonini (Chair, Eat SF/Vouchers 4 Veggies)/ Priscilla (P) Rodriguez, (DPH – CHEP) 1:50 p.m.</p>	<p>Please refer to the recording for this presentation, linked here. This agenda item starts at the 0:40 minute mark and ends at the 52:10 minute mark.</p> <p>Cissie Bonini introduced the 2026 Food Security Task Force (FSTF) recommendations and the annual process of producing the report. The report includes updated data regarding the current landscape of food security in San Francisco (SF), the cost of living, health disparities, budget and investments, threats/challenges, opportunities/successes, and three recommendations to address these matters. Cissie requested feedback and input from FSTF members and members of the public.</p> <p>A discussion/Q&A occurred throughout the presentation with additional notes below.</p> <p>Priscilla (P) Rodriguez presented the 2026 FSTF recommendations slides to the FSTF and public. P shared the background of the FSTF and its purpose and objectives. The FSTF is slated to sunset on July 1, 2026.</p> <p>The next section included information about the current landscape of food security such as California’s food insecurity rate, the high cost of food, and the percent of San Franciscans below 200% FPL that are food insecure. Anne Quaintance suggested including a statistic that reflects the food insecurity rate in SF if a new data point exists.</p> <p>Data regarding the current landscape of CalFresh in SF was presented and included the number of households utilizing the benefit, number of monthly applications, and average benefit per household. P shared the high cost of living in SF and displayed an annual income comparison for a single adult living in the City in 2026. In relation to the cost of living, a chart was shared that displayed the household income gap based on race and ethnicity. An annual income gap for those 300% FPL, 200% FPL, and 125% FPL was compared to the Self-Sufficiency Standard (SSS).</p>	<p>None.</p>

	<p>Data regarding Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and its usage for SF household was shared.</p> <p>Data on health disparities by neighborhood was pulled from the Biennial Food Security and Equity Report (BFSEER) and added to the recommendations. A pie chart demonstrating a breakdown of food investments by department was included as well as a proposed summary budget breakdown from the Mayor’s office that was presented to the Task Force in June 2025. Task Force members are interested in knowing how the proposed budget compares to the actual budget and what funding changes have been made since it was presented.</p> <p>The recommendations included H.R.1 implications for SNAP and Medicaid. SNAP data included cuts and changes to funding, able-bodied adults without dependents (ABAWDs) requirements, and the shift in administrative costs. Jennifer LeBarre discussed the potential impacts of tightening eligibility for SNAP and Medicaid such as a reduced number of students who are automatically certified for free or reduced-price meals. For the Medicaid section, data included eligibility requirements, number of San Franciscans predicted to lose coverage, and the estimated financial shift for departments such as the Department of Public Health (DPH) and Human Services Agency (HSA).</p> <p>Medically supportive food and nutrition (MSF&N) data was shared such as hospitalization rates, Food as Medicine Collaborative findings, and impacts of H.R.1 on Food is Medicine innovation and research. The healthcare implications slide provided data on healthcare costs associated with food security and the potential impacts of Medicaid coverage loss.</p> <p>The next section of the slides went through threats and challenges to food security. The list included things like waitlists and H.R. 1 changes to federal/state/local budgets. Other challenges include retail environment constriction, cancellation of food security reports, and immigration policies. The successes and opportunities section included HSA’s one-time GiveCard grocery cards, food security City convenings, food recovery, and public-private partnerships.</p> <p>Following P’s section, Cissie went through the three recommendations and asked for feedback. The first recommendation is the creation of a community-driven food coordination structure.</p>	
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	<p>The second recommendation is adequate investment to address food security. Language edits were requested by Task Force members such as including additional information about food in supportive housing initiatives. The third recommendation is addressing food security through a health equity approach. Task Force members recommended creating a map that highlights which neighborhoods lost grocery stores (Safeway, Lucky).</p> <p>The next step is making the necessary edits, writing up the report, and finalizing the documents with a graphic designer. The anticipated publication date for the 2026 FSTF recommendations is end of March/early April.</p> <p>Public Comment: None</p>	
<p>7. Current status of a new food structure in San Francisco, Cissie Bonini (Chair, Eat SF/Vouchers 4 Veggies) 2:40 p.m.</p>	<p>Please refer to the recording for this presentation, linked here. This agenda item starts at the 52:10 minute mark and ends at the 1:24:20 minute mark.</p> <p>A subgroup of FSTF members along with community members have been working on an outline for an Office of Citywide Food Coordination (OCFC) and Community Advisory Body (CAB). The Task Force also voted to push for a three-year reauthorization for the FSTF if no OCFC/CAB legislation is pursued. Cissie covered limited sections of the document.</p> <p>A discussion/Q&A occurred throughout with additional notes below.</p> <p>The first section of the outline provides background data regarding food insecurity in the City and work of the FSTF. The next section discusses the sunset of the FSTF and the potential for a reauthorization if no other solution is introduced.</p> <p>Cissie spent time going through the section focused on the establishment of an OCFC and the creation of a food advisory council/CAB. For the OCFC, the section discusses its purpose, powers and duties, and a potential lead agency. For the CAB, the section included its purpose and membership. The membership bullet point describes how members will be appointed, how often, and how many members shall serve. The recommendations for membership are as follows: seats 1-5 for representatives of nonprofits, seats 6-7 for individuals employed at medical institutions in SF, seat 8 for an individual with experience or expertise in food security</p>	

	<p>or access, seat 9 for an individual from accredited college or university, seat 10 for an individual under 19 years old, and seats 11-15 for SF residents with lived experience of food insecurity. Task Force members recommended expanding seat 9 to include students from an accredited college or university. Others missing from the list include but are not limited to representation from San Francisco Unified District (SFUSD), City College, philanthropy, and the OCFC. The next step is figuring out how the seats will be chosen and what the process will look like.</p> <p>The next section discussed was the food security report. This includes the purpose of the report and the timeline. The recommendation is to publish the report by January 2030 and repeated every three years will annually reporting on budget.</p> <p>One section that was added to the document was private and public partnerships (PPP) which suggests that the OCFC will engage in developing PPPs for the benefit of the public and protect the public interest.</p> <p>Public Comment: None</p>	
<p>8. Update on the Biennial Food Security and Equity Report, Eric Chan (DPH – CHEP) 3:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Please refer to the recording for this presentation, linked here. This agenda item starts at the 1:24:20 minute mark and ends at the 1:31:58 minute mark.</p> <p>Eric provided an update on the status of the Biennial Food Security and Equity Report (BFSER). The Department of Public Health (DPH) is moving forward with the production of the report. It is slated to be completed by December 2026 or early 2027. Reporting departments have been notified about the data collection process and have begun providing data. Departments have until June 2026 to complete their data collection. It will be fiscal year 24-25 data. Trainings are available for reporting departments to assist with the process. Once collected, DPH will meet with the FSTF for community input. The report will be produced even if the FSTF sunsets on July 1, 2026.</p> <p>Public Comment: None</p>	
<p>9. Updates and emerging issues 3:10 p.m.</p>	<p>Please refer to the recording for this presentation, linked here. This agenda item starts at the 1:31:51 minute mark and ends at the 1:39:03 minute mark.</p>	<p>None.</p>

	<p>Jade shared information about the SF Food Action Summit taking place from March 25th – 26th at UCSF Mission Bay. There will be breakout sessions throughout the two days and networking.</p> <p>Cissie shared that the Human Services Agency (HSA) has produced multiple presentations regarding the impacts of H.R.1 on CalFresh and Medicaid.</p> <p>Raegan mentioned an email that was sent from DPH Director Daniel Tsai regarding the budget cuts. DPH will hold a series of public meetings to inform the public and respond to questions about the cuts.</p> <p>Public Comment: None</p>	
<p>10. Adjournment 3:25 p.m.</p>	<p>Meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.</p>	<p>None.</p>